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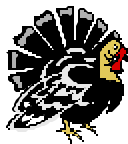
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady. Limited trading was reported on frozen hens for prompt shipments. Supplies are sufficient for the current light demand. Parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings of parts and meats were fully adequate. Demand was light to moderate.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand was very light as buyers remain cautious toward the market. Offerings were fully adequate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 15, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	81-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 16, 2005**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	85	85.00	100	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 16, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	84.33	86.00	75.70
CENTRAL REGION	86.00	84.91	78.86
WESTERN REGION	85.60 **	89.00	79.33
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	84.00	83.67	71.00
CENTRAL REGION	82.80 **	84.00	70.00
WESTERN REGION	83.40 **	83.90 **	72.80

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Dec 19, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	105.81	4,417,000
16-24 lbs.	103.17	3,163,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	20,000

Total Volume:	7,620,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 10-Dec-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>		<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>
North East	931	5	23.60	(A)	932 23.60
South Atlantic	665	8	34.49	(A)	665 34.49
North Central	2,118	5	33.49	(A)	2,118 33.49
South Central	823	23	18.17	(A)	823 18.17
West	488	26	21.71	(A)	488 21.71
U.S. total	5,025(B)	10	28.14	1	5,026 28.14
To-date					
2005	218,004(B)			210	218,214
To-date					
2004	213,642(B)			353	213,995

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 1,206,000; for last year to date 2,511,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

November	442,007*
December 1 - 10, 2005	155,317*

To date 2005 4,922,546\*

To date 2004 4,805,083\*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 10-Dec-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
Last week	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Same wk yr ago	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35	26.46	34.54	28.99
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621	2,511	353	213,995

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Demand light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Trading slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	119.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	36.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00		38.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	34.75	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	41.29	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	37.00	12
NECKS, HEN		F	42.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	272.74	210
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00		99.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	115.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	221.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	229.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	68.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	98.00		98.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on white meat was mostly steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with continued interest noted from Canada to satisfy year-end quotas. Offerings adequate to ample with breast meat and destrapped tenderloins in the longest positions. The market tone on rib breasts was steady to fully steady with inquiry on 4-8 lb. sizes noted for 2006. Offerings short to light. Trading slow to moderate with activity centered on white meat. Domestic bulk parts trading consisted mostly of mixed load volumes. For domestic: fresh scapula 125-128, plant grade non basted 14-16 lb. breasts 165-170 and 16-18 lb. 173 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 41 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	121.00		121.00	7	119.11	127
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	40	158.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		38.79	103	38.50	115
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	37.00-39.00		38.00	80	38.33	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-32.00		31.34	61	32.96	133
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00-45.00		42.37	167	41.87	307
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	117.00	20	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.78	184	38.67	196
NECKS, HEN		F	42.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	263.00		263.00	40	263.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	263.50-270.00		266.49	322	269.29	612
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	99.00-100.00		99.36	78	99.29	98
BREAST TRIM MEAT	163.00		163.00	40	163.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	10	114.00	50
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	221.00	120	221.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00-72.00		70.11	106	69.53	146
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	227.00-234.00		230.39	224	230.68	304
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40	18.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00-23.00		21.15	411	21.04	611
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	40	38.20	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	40	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	98.00	120	97.46	428

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